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Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 1992

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Purpose of Program: The purpose of this program is to provide grants to enable institutions of higher education to prepare low-income, first-generation college students, and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education, for doctoral study. Projects assisted under this program may provide, at the undergraduate and graduate levels, services such as—(1) opportunities for research or other scholarly activities; (2) summer internships; (3) seminars and other educational activities designed to prepare students for doctoral study; (4) tutoring; (5) academic counseling; and (6) activities designed to assist participants in securing admission to and financial assistance for enrollment in graduate programs. The McNair Program supports AMERICA 2000, the President's strategy to move the Nation toward achieving the National Education Goals and educational excellence for all Americans. More specifically, the McNair Program is helping to increase the number of United States undergraduate and graduate students, especially women and minorities, who complete advanced degrees in numerous disciplines, including the fields of mathematics and science.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: 6/26/92.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: 8/26/92.

Applications Available: 4/30/92.

Available Funds: $9,600,000.

Estimated Range of Awards: $100,000–$150,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards: $143,280.

Estimated Number of Awards: 67.

Note.— The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75, 77, 79, 82, 85 and 86.

Selection Criteria: In evaluating applications for grants under this program, the Secretary uses the selection criteria in 34 CFR 75.210.

The regulations in 34 CFR 75.210 provide that the Secretary may award up to 100 points for the selection criteria, including a reserved 15 points. For this competition, the Secretary distributes the 15 points as follows:

Plan of operation (34 CFR 75.210(c)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 20 points.

Quality of key personnel (34 CFR 75.210(4)). Three points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 10 points.

Evaluation plan (34 CFR 75.210(6)). Five points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 10 points.

Adequacy of resources (34 CFR 75.210(7)). Two points are added to this criterion for a possible total of 5 points.

Supplementary Information: Section 417A(b)(2), title IV, subpart 4 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires the Secretary to consider the prior experience of service delivery under the McNair Program by each applicant. Under the authority of 34 CFR 75.217(d)(3) (EDGAR), the Secretary will give consideration to prior experience of service delivery under the McNair Program by assigning up to eight additional points to the applications of grantees who have carried out their activities under a McNair Program grant in a particulary effective way within the three fiscal years prior to fiscal year 1992. These points are in addition to any points the application earns under the selection criteria for the program.

For Applications or Information Contact: May J. Weaver, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3060, ROB #3, Washington DC 20202–5249. Telephone: (202) 708–4804. Deaf and hearing impaired individuals may call the Federal Dual Party Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 (in the Washington, DC 202 area code, telephone 708–9300) between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time.

Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d–1b(d).

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